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Bloomfield College: A Small School With A Big Mission In The Community

We would like to tell you in this issue about Bloomfield College and its mission to the Greater Newark Community.

Tucked away in a quiet section of Bloomfield, New Jersey, just off the main street, this small college is busy creating a large difference in the lives of the 2,000 students attending. Ninety percent of these students come from the greater Newark area such as East Orange, Irvington, Newark, Passaic, Paterson and Bloomfield. Few have cars.

In a departure from the population of Ivy League colleges, four hundred of the full time students come from families with incomes of less than \$12,000; a large number are part of families whose income ranges from \$12,000 to \$20,000. Since most students need economic assistance, 80% of this funding comes from the State of New Jersey Scholarship Program; 20% comes from a federal program. Sixteen private colleges in the state are assisted with tuition in this way.

So instead of looking forward to a very bleak non-productive future, Bloomfield College students eager and willing to learn are able to choose courses in business (largest choice), liberal arts (second choice), or the sciences such as nursing or chiropractic studies. Professional studies also include accounting, business administration, computer information systems, criminal justice, materials management. Fine and performing arts classes are offered as well.

President John Noonan spoke of the simple philosophy of this seat of learning, that is, to prepare students to function at the peak of their potential in a multi-racial, multi-cultural society.

"When you have that kind of mis-

sion you are called to serve the community," said the college president. "Even though some students are economically disadvantaged they are encouraged to serve others." Right now 50% of the students are African American or Hispanic or African Caribbean while 50% are white: some are Haitian. All told, 51 different countries are represented.

Upon reflection, President Noonan determined his college was serving a similar population to New Community.

Unlike the students of many larger colleges, a four year progression to graduation is not the norm. "We really intend to be the instrument for people reaching their potential in 5-6 years," said President Noonan. Most of the students must work as well as study, therefore only half are full time students. The other half are part time, with flexible paths to graduation as they return home to raise families or provide support to them. Some have taken many years to reach their goals — in one case all of twelve years, President Noonan recalled.

And yes, some do fall by the wayside. In general, however, full time students finish in 6 years, and one-third of all students earn degrees. The rest are still working on them sometimes ten years later. The return of freshmen as sophomores is 85-90% and ages of students spread generations — from teenagers to 60 and 60 year olds.

The college was founded in 1868 as a seminary for German speaking Presbyterians and remained such until well into the middle of the 20th century, at which point it gradually became a college. At one time courses were conducted in five different languages — German, Russian, Polish, Hungarian and English.

"Since the college is still related to the Presbyterian Church, every five years the college and the institution negotiate a covenant, saying what the church can do for us and what we will do for others," explained the college head. "The colleges are regarded as a

mission of the church — an expression of Christian faith. That more than anything else defines the relationship between New Community and Bloomfield," said Noonan. "You return to the community what you've gained — civic consciousness."

This civic consciousness pops up in many ways. For instance, a group of students who have had mentors become mentors themselves after experiencing the help of the 100 businessmen and women who work with them. The whole sophomore core curriculum is focused on the development of civic commitment.

A bit of conversation unearthed the fact that our first employee, Cecilia Faulks, now director of human resources for New Community, attended Bloomfield College (we won't divulge when) as did Barbara Kukla, a prolific writer of Newark history and well known columnist for the Star Ledger.

Bloomfield College students display amazing persistence and enormous creativity, said Noonan; they work become poets, dancers, painters and musicians. The arts, he finds, acts as a catalyst for learning. The school has

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Bloomfield College President
John Noonan

Community Service: A New Focus For Newark Police

Since taking office a year ago, Newark Police Director William Celester has been working on one thing he considers most important to Newark Police, that is, changing an attitude. This huge urban police force of over 1300 members is slowly changing its focus from crime fighting to community service — both to businesses and residents.

Reorganization is taking place, with more emphasis on neighborhoods, where increased visibility is the watchword. To accomplish this, more officers are being moved from desk jobs to car patrols and captains are being given more power in their precincts. "Old timers" already know the value of this; the younger ones who have thought in terms of crime fighting are now learning about it.

The crime rates have already begun inching down in Newark according to the FBI and NJ State Police Uniform Crime Report of 1991. The trend for the first four months of 1992 shows a total decrease in various crime categories of 14.2%.

Part of community policing, as it's known, includes getting out of the car for one hour each day to walk the neighborhood, and assigning the same person to the same beat regularly to get to know the neighborhood people personally.

As a result, houses and businesses involved with drugs have been served



Newark Police Director
William Celester

four times more warrants — more than half the total for the state. A vice unit, newly formed, has made 150 arrests in 12 days.

One third of the training in the Police Academy today is on community policing. To introduce the new police officers to the new concept, representatives of community groups have been invited by the Director to the academy to talk to them as they will begin to understand that "this world is made up of many different kinds of

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Celebrity Clarion Reader



We at New Community never cease to be amazed by who reads our Clarion. As our circulation reaches more and more people across the United States, we are pleased to welcome Mickey Mouse, who tells us he is a big fan of the Clarion.

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people with a lot of different ideas, and they should know what these ideas are."

Director Celester feels he must bring the police department closer to the people. It serves. Instrumental to accomplishing this is the formation of a Community Relations Unit within the department. As part of this, there is a DARE unit which goes into the schools to talk to kids about drugs. The unit has visited 22 schools in less than a year; it has come to New Community as well.

Also working towards cementing relationships is a new scout group called the Newark Police Explorers. Police officers take the kids camping and also to museums "to tighten up their minds" as well as giving them a taste of history.

For young people there is no better way to learn about the devastating results of crime to the criminal than from a first hand account. Accordingly the police department has formed a group called "Cops and Cons," which takes ex-convicts to work together with the police talking to groups. An ex-con can then say to kids, "Look, I just got through doing 20 years of my life behind bars," and kids listen. The fact that they are now working along with the police carries heavy sign value.

In the office are a drum and bugle corps for young people which they are trying to form and with which they could use some help. Also in the planning stage is an Adopt-A-Cop program similar to the Big Brother program.

Business receives its share of attention. The form of security analysis which the department does for those who ask in addition to stepped up patrol coverage.

The Director averages five meetings a week with community groups. When asked what he considers the most important problem in Newark today, Director Celester pointed to auto theft. With 456 arrests from stolen cars, "I bet not 5 people are in jail," he complained. "It's a joke to the kids stealing them. Some punishment has to be meted out to these kids."

He encourages neighborhoods to establish Crime Watch units, for only with strong organization can the community deter thieves and other criminals. "Neighborhoods are only victimized when they're not organized," said Director Celester. If the neighborhood is well organized, he feels thieves will look to go somewhere else, because someone will identify them; but they will only identify them if they have the backing of the people behind them, and that's what's so

necessary, he emphasized. The Director paid high compliment to the New Community Security Department calling it one of the more professional security departments around. "We work very closely with New Community Security," said the Director.

We talked a little about the Director's personal background which gave great insight to the understanding of human nature which he displayed so well. He grew up as a member of a gang in Boston, Massachusetts, and "didn't have any great love for the police or for society as a whole," he related. As did most kids in his situation, he quit school at 9th grade, married at 16 years old with a child and was divorced at 17½. "I just was on the wrong road," he said thoughtfully. He was in one parent's family — his father abandoned the family when he was four.

He got into trouble at 17½ years old for fighting and was sent to a correctional facility for six months. After he came out he "kicked around for a while and worked for a dollar an hour, which was minimum wage then. "And then I became friendly with a man by the name of Royal Bolling, Sr., a State Representative," he continued with a lift to his voice. "He took a liking to me and became like a surrogate father, and really helped put me back on the right road — getting me a job in the Navy ward — and encouraged me to take the police exam."

Celester never thought he could take the police exam because of his time spent in the house of correction, even though it was just a misdemeanor for fighting. He hadn't even finished high school, but at that time in the sixties, you didn't need a high school diploma. He took the exam and "to my surprise, I passed, and they took me on the Boston Police Department." At that point a whole new path opened up for the police director as he went back to school for 12 years, obtaining first his high school diploma, and eventually a master's degree in criminal justice. "It took me twelve years to do it — but I did it," he said proudly. All the rest has been just moving up the ladder (to a Superintendent in the Boston Police Department).

There is nothing like walking in another's footsteps to understand where someone is coming from, and Police Director Celester knows firsthand the pitfalls and pressures of inner city life. Perhaps that encounter with a helpful State Senator at a very crucial time in his life explains the emphasis on the one-on-one programs he is busily creating.

He certainly is a believer that people helping people can make a difference.

We get the feeling Director Celester's presence as head of the police department in Newark will make a great difference in the lives of those who live and work there, and we wish him well.

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transformed a marvelous old church on the property into a first class stage and amphitheatre for the arts, complete with practice rooms and dressing rooms. The amphitheatre is of the groin style columnless architecture such as that of the renowned Hotel Coronado in San Diego, California, with spectacular wood craftsmanship, and is a "must see" if ever you visit the campus.

The college is also quite proud of its nursing curriculum which is one of the highest ranked in New Jersey. Some students go on to Rutgers from Bloomfield for other degrees. "We're very proud of what they've attained, and we're very proud of them," said President Noonan.

Looking at the history of the school and its purpose, President Noonan said, "I think we've been very faithful to the original intent — providing an education to immigrants and the mainstream. I think it would make the founders very proud. It isn't in the church that the most important work in our lives is done — it's in the cities. Our duty as Christians is to help those



Clarion Editor Pat Foley interviews John Noonan outside Bloomfield College.

communities become caring communities."

"We take inspiration from Monsignor Linder and all at New Community," said the gracious college president. "You are — you inspire us."

Oh What A Beautiful Morning! A Picnic At Mariondale Retreat House Is A Very Special Day For All

June 13, 1992 was truly a day God had made. After weeks of rainy weekends, this one was the best of the year. This was a very special day for our seniors and friends of New Community.

The picnic was held at the Mariondale Retreat House of the Dominican Sisters of the Poor Sisk in Ossining, New York. Sister Ann Tumulty, director of the New Community Home Health Program, had reserved this date almost a year ago, without a clue as to how the weather would turn out.

Once the date was confirmed and planning started, the word was adver-

to Ossining.

After about an hour and a half of breathtaking scenery, the vehicles rolled through the gates to the grandiose property of Mariondale. Sr. Ann, who had left the night before, was waiting to greet us. The grass was freshly cut, pool glistening and the grills were heating. The view from the picnic area looked out over a wide lake dotted with sailboats and water skiers.

Before bathing in all this splendor, we paused to visit the chapel and celebrate a prayer service of Christian Life and Thanks giving.

It was on to fun, sun, endless food



Getting away from it all. Pictured above are just a few of the people who enjoyed the trip to the Mariondale Retreat House. The intergenerational trip was a great opportunity for seniors and youngsters to have fun together.

tised. The residents from NC Douglass-Harrison turned out in a large way. Calls from various persons in the community began to come in. Some had been there before and were anxious to return to the beautiful surroundings of Mariondale.

At 8:30 a.m. the small caravan of a mini bus and two vans, driven by Clyde, Henry and Olympio of Senior Service Corp. in Orange, New Jersey, started up the Garden State Parkway

and good company. Many inquiries were made as to when we would be returning. Mariondale is such a popular retreat that it was impossible to reserve any other time for this year. Plans are being made for next year.

A warm thank you to the gracious sisters and staff of Mariondale for their hospitality.

If you missed it this time. Make it a resolution to join us in 1993.

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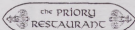
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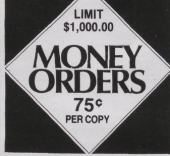
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Black History Notes

Researched By James E. DuBoise

The Legend of the Little Boy Statue acts as a reminder to some, of a little boy's dedication to duty and to others it is just a story.

Throughout the country in rural and generally suburban America, a statue of a little boy, in black face, dressed like a jockey, can be found holding a lantern on the lawn of many homes.

According to Waldo Turk, Assistant Librarian at the Historical Society of Philadelphia, one Mr. Charles L. Brockson, a member of the Board of Directors, and a Black Historian who writes extensively on Black History said, the story is true. Mr. Brockson related the legend to a story he found in a book, "The Crossing," by Howard Fast. The story states that on Christmas when General George Washington decided to attack the Hessians, he ordered one of his slaves, Tom Wells, to meet him on the other side of the Delaware River with a horse. Tom Wells in turn charged his eight year old son with this task. It was a bitter cold night and the boy, poorly dressed, standing firm, performing his duty as ordered, slowly froze to death. However, this tale of a little boy's dedication was disputed by Charles Sanders, managing editor of Ebony Magazine who said the legend was an old tale he had heard as a boy. Mr. Sanders also said he and his friends

from Victoria and Galveston, Texas, found the statues to be quite offensive to them, so they would go around at night and paint the faces black.

A librarian at Mount Vernon, General Washington's home in Alexandria, Virginia, also said the legend was probably fiction, based on the fact that she had checked the General's list of slaves and the name of Jocko Graves who was supposedly the little boy was not on the list. She did not however dispute the existence of the little boy's father, Tom Wells.

Challenging the credibility of the librarian's source is the fact that this writer has visited Washington's home in Mount Vernon, where his slaves are buried and discovered a sign which read that "one hundred or more of Washington's slaves are buried where you are now standing, names of whom are unknown."

While the General was known for recording his historical events and the names of all his slaves, the fact that he neglected to list the names of one hundred or more slaves buried on his estate, proves that he may also have been remiss in recording this event, because it occurred on the night of the most significant battle of the Revolutionary War.

Fact or fiction, you be the judge.

Umm, Umm, Good

If you want to taste the best carrot cake on the East Coast, all you have to do is visit the World of Foods, at the Pathmark Shopping Center of New Community on Bergen Street, Newark. There your palate will be treated with eye-catching finger-licking french pastries, nut filled brownies, creamy cheese cake made with all natural ingredients and many other delicacies.

All these tantalizing treats are made on the premises at the hands of Emmanuelle Peterson, the head baker at the World of Foods. He is a graduate of Essex Business College, Newark, where he studied restaurant skills and culinary arts. In 1986 he worked as a chef at the Rusty Scupper. Before coming to the World of Foods, Emmanuelle had been out in Cleveland cooking as a chef in a popular restaurant.

Emmanuelle said that there is no place like home; he is originally from Newark, and this area. He graduated from Queen of Angels School in Newark in 1976.

You are invited to come on into the World of Foods and try some of the many different taste treats that are prepared there daily. Especially Emmanuelle's "sticky buns" and carrot cake. If you need a special cake or dessert treat for any occasion, ask Emmanuelle; he is sure to provide you with a palatable pleasing stopper.

The kindergarten class of Saint Rose of Lima School enjoyed a cake by Emmanuelle. It was a yellow two layer sheet cake filled with half strawberries and half lemon cream, with a lily butter cream frosting. There was a coin toss to see who would get the privilege of eating the crumbs from the box. An entire sheet cake disappeared without a trace. It was extra special because a few of the children had been at the Food Court the previous night and Emmanuelle explained to them that it was their cake they were watching back in the see thru oven located behind the cookie counter.

All the foods at the World of Foods are inviting, but, when you get down to the dessert corner... Ah! what a way to end a meal.

Joyce Cook

It Makes Cents

Do you ever leave the grocery store and start counting your packages, your change and saying you don't know where it all went? It seems you need more money to buy fewer items.

Mrs. Jones loaded the register counter with a variety of items, almost everything I had in my cart. I smirked, "she has at least \$80.00 worth of groceries and it will probably all fit in 4 bags or less." I checked; she had a fistful of something. Mrs. Jones had at least 30 coupons for different items and even some Pathmark store coupons. The cashier gave a subtotal of \$55.68. I had been more than right; her bill was over \$80.00. The cashier took the coupons and began scanning them one by one. Wow, there was a bottle of pancake syrup which was on sale for \$1.49 from \$1.79 with the store coupon. Then she had a manufacturers coupon for another \$5.54 total savings of \$6.85. When all the scanning was done, her total purchase, including tax, came to \$74.69. She had saved \$10.99!

I looked at my shopping cart in a new light, because I realized my groceries would cost the full amount...almost \$80.00 with no savings. I did not have any coupons. That fistful of coupons was actually a "fistful of dollars."

If Mrs. Jones went shopping every week and used \$10.00 in coupon savings she would save \$520.00 a year. Think how much further her money will go with these savings.

I know of a couple, the Thomases, who kept a record of all their savings for only 9 months. They could not believe the substantial savings. For their family of 5, they had realized a savings of \$1,358.00.

Don't you think it makes 'cents' to use your coupons?

Coupon Tips:

1. To get the best savings, check for items you would normally use.
2. Comparison shop for best prices if possible.
3. Remember that some items even with coupons — may cost more than what you would ordinarily spend.
4. If you really don't need it, or use it, don't get it because it offers a dollar

Master Creole Chef At The Priory

Cajun, Southern, and Creole cooking by a master New Orleans' Chef is as near as West Market Street in Newark. The place is The Priory Restaurant, at 233 West Market Street in St. Joseph Plaza. The Head Cook, Michael Guy, honored in 1990 by Chefs in America as one of America's Outstanding Chefs, prepares the special indefinable cuisine for which New Orleans is world famous.

"Cajun cooking is strictly Louisiana. Everything's fresh — shrimp, fish, oysters, game. The Bijuou supplied everything in the old days. People lived off the land, hunting, trapping, fishing," explained Chef Michael Guy, "Cajun just has a different flavor. In Gumbo, the roux

Cook. Capable of cooking all of the classic and traditional styles, Guy, however, has a feeling for Creole and Cajun cooking.

Chef Guy's Creole and Cajun dishes are some of the most requested items on The Priory's menu. His Savannah Seafood Fantasy (\$12.95) is a combination of whiting, shrimp, and scallops seasoned with Chef Guy's own blend of Louisiana Creole spices and sautéed in fresh garlic and white wine. Other favorites are Jambalaya (\$12.95), a shrimp or chicken sauce served with rice, and the famous Gumbo (\$3.75), an okra with shrimp soup.

Of the menu Guy says, "It was a challenge for me. I'd never worked with a menu this large. Now I'm



Chef Michael Guy displays one of many creole delicacies he can make for you.

has a completely different taste from the seafood."

Guy explained that Creole cooking is a blend of African and West Indian cooking. Africans coming to the West Indies and New Orleans in vented their own style. The Black cooks and chefs of New Orleans carry on that style. "It's called Creole in the city; it's Cajun in the rural areas. Cajun food is spicier, hotter. Cajun cooking has no boundaries. It doesn't follow rules of classic or French cooking."

Guy, a native of Baton Rouge, started his training under his father, Sam Guy Jr., Executive Chef at Louisiana State University's Faculty Club. Although he is a graduate of the New Orleans Culinary School, Guy spent 7 years at the Bouigny in New Orleans where he worked himself up from the pantry to Chef

comfortable with it." Appetizers, any of which would make a complete meal are as different as South Carolina Chicken Wings (\$8.00) and thinly sliced Scottish Smoked Salmon. A wide range of salads, and dressings are offered. Among the traditional pasta is one of Guy's own creations, Primavera A La Priory, angel hair pasta with garden vegetables gently sautéed in olive oil, garlic, and a blend of seasonings. Delicious!

Diners not only enjoy excellent dining but the added visual pleasure of dining in an historic building which has been beautifully renovated. The former Saint Joseph Church has maintained the vaulted ceilings, old beams, and stained glass windows. In the beautiful main dining room, a stained glass dome was commissioned to perfectly complement the stained glass windows.

One of the sites of the Sarah Vaughan Jazz Festival, The Priory strives to please the ear also. While enjoying fine cuisine and candlelight dining on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., diners are treated to live music, "classy jazz," a different group each week.

Another offering at The Priory includes the daily "All You Can Eat" Buffet for \$6.95. The luncheon diners enjoy the added pleasure of a grand piano. There is never a cover charge. The conference room is used for business meetings, seminars, and private banqueting. "When companies use the conference room there is no charge for the space. Weddings, wedding receptions, and fashion shows are some of the many different affairs held in the atrium."

Call Banquet Manager, Carol Richards at 242-8012 or 623-6626 for weddings, parties, and conferences.

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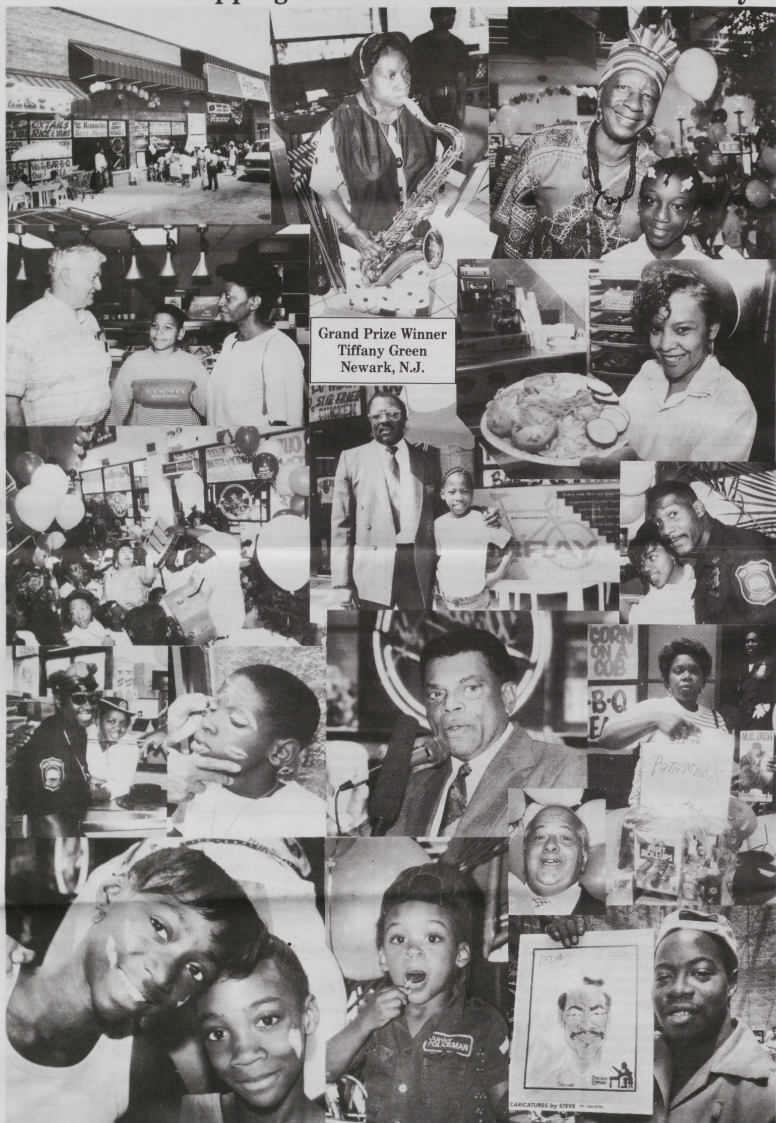
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savings. It will just sit and collect dust. 5. When your store has a sale circular in the local Sunday paper, check all your manufacturers coupons. You will be surprised how often the items match, making it possible for you to double or triple your savings.

It makes Cents to me!

Joyce Cook

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